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September 23, 2005

The Honorable Dorcas R. Hardy
Chair, Policy Committee
White House Conference on Aging
4350 East-West Highway
Suite 300
Bethesda, MD 20814

Dear Chairman Hardy,

This letter and the attached resolutions serve as the report for the August 12, 2005, Mini-WHCoA Summit event in Annapolis, Maryland sponsored by the Maryland Department Aging. The goal of the Summit was to invite the Maryland Delegates and Alternates to the WHCoA to a listening session that included seniors and senior advocates, members of academia, members of the state and local Commissions on Aging, and representatives from the Area Agencies on Aging. The Delegates and Alternates, using the input from those in attendance, developed twelve (12) resolutions for consideration by the WHCoA Policy Committee.

The Delegates and Alternates who attended were:

Delegate Jean W. Roesser, Secretary, Maryland Department of Aging
Delegate Carol R. Baker, Deputy Secretary, Maryland Department of Aging
Delegate Carol Lienhard, Chair, Maryland Association of Area Agencies on Aging
Delegate Louise Gulyas, Chair, Maryland Commission on Aging
Delegate Austin Heyman
Delegate Sabrina Massett
Delegate Arnold Eppel
Delegate Sherree Marshall
Delegate Mike Vivirito
Delegate Martin Wish
Alternate Michele Douglas
Alternate W. Lee Hammond
Alternate Phyllis Madachy
Alternate Stuart Rosenthal

The one-day event opened with a welcome by Maryland Secretary of Aging Jean W. Roesser and Dr. Craig Williams, Deputy Chief of Staff to Governor Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr. Secretary Roesser chaired the meeting. The agenda for the day was as follows:

9:45 - 10:00 Welcome by Secretary Roesser and Deputy Chief of Staff Craig Williams, Introduction of Delegates and Alternates, Introduction of Attendees.

10:00 am - 12:30 pm - Presentation and discussion of key issues affecting Maryland Seniors with seniors and advocacy groups, State and local Commissions on Aging members, and Area Agencies on Aging.

1:30pm - 3:00 pm - Development of Consensus Positions to be submitted to the White House Conference on Aging Policy Committee.

Nearly seventy individuals with broad expertise representing a wide array of interests attended the Summit. Statements were heard on topics ranging from housing, transportation, income security, employment, and health care.

After all input had been received and a substantial question and answer period concluded, the Delegates and Alternates undertook the task of developing the resolutions. MDoA staff then drafted the resolution for distribution and comment, and finalized the resolutions once all comments were received.

On behalf of the Maryland Delegates and Alternates to the White House Conference on Aging, the attached twelve resolutions are submitted to the White House Conference on Aging Policy Committee for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Jean W. Roesser, Secretary
Maryland Department of Aging

Attachments (12 Resolutions)

cc: Craig Williams, Deputy Chief of Staff
Maryland WHCoA Delegates and Alternates